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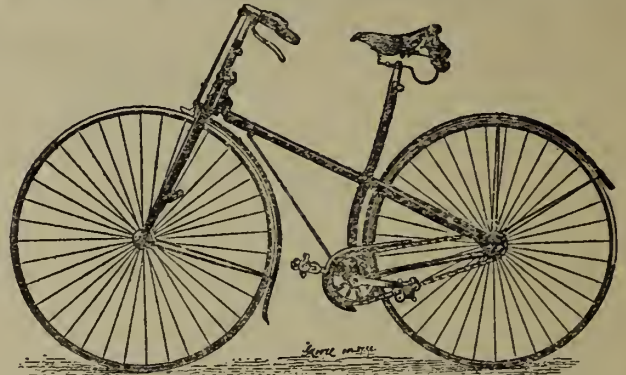
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EDITOR'S DESK.

The following explanation of the action taken by the class of '84 for encouraging athletics in the Latin School was handed to us by a member of '84:

In a former issue of the LATIN SCHOOL REGISTER there was published the outline of a scheme adopted by the class of '84 for the encouragement of athletics. No mention was made of the motive that led the class to act as they did, and it may be asked why the funds raised should have been devoted to athletics rather than to the library, to literary prizes, or to the further promotion of scholarship. All of these questions were raised at the annual dinner, and promptly answered. The argument that led to the unanimous adoption of the present plan was in substance as follows:—

The school is amply provided with funds for literary prizes. An addition to the library or the foundation of a scholarship would be commendable, but these are motives that should enlist the interest of the older graduates. It is left to the later classes to take up the question of athletics. If they do not do it nobody will. It is a duty and they should fulfil it. The feeling of school unity or school loyalty, so strikingly exhibited in college life, should be developed in the preparatory schools. Especially is it valued in the latter, since most men, on graduating, break off into business life. For their sake the ties that bind them

to their school days should be strengthened. Athletics, more than anything else, can foster this spirit of unity; for on the campus all class distinctions are done away with, the men gather about actuated by a common motive, cheer with a common impulse, and develop a better and more generous fellowship. How true this is, is seen in the case of Exeter, Andover, St. Paul's and St. Mark's, whose wide grounds offer every inducement for bringing the men together and keeping them together. The Latin School, however, is seriously handicapped in having no convenient places for practice, and every encouragement should be offered to enable it to strive against its disadvantages.

If athletics is so beneficial in college life it should be well kept up. Good material is always wanted and the academies must provide it. There is no reason why the Latin School should not contribute strong men to the college teams, if only proper encouragement is given.

Again, our school stands first among the preparatory schools in scholarship. The standard is high and the men realize that they must attend to their work. Moderate exercise, then, far from deteriorating scholarship, will tend to promote it.

The committee of the class of '84, unable to do as much as they would like, have determined to devote the first allowance of their fund to the B. L. S. nine. A silver cup will be awarded to the member of the team who, having played in a majority of the games in the regular interscholastic series, shall have attained the highest batting average.

If the plan of '84 is followed by other classes (and it is to be hoped that it will be), it will be possible in time to establish a permanent Latin School fund which can provide not only for the development of athletics in general, but for the foundation of scholarships.

George Bucklin Clapp, Jr., of the Class of '87, B. L. S., died at Nassau, March 25th. His death was caused by disease resultant from diphtheria, which attacked him while he was a student in the school. He had been in delicate health for several years previous to that illness. He was obliged to leave school before graduating, and to travel a great deal. At the Annual Prize Drill in Mechanics' Hall, he took the first prize for individual drill, in June, '85. He was very popular with his school-fellows, and a general favorite in social circles; and his death is mourned by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The Class of '87, B. L. S., has passed the following resolution:—

The committee appointed by the class of 1887, Boston Latin School, to take action on the death of George B. Clapp, Jr., present the following:

Since it has pleased the Heavenly Father to take from us George B. Clapp, Jr., in his young manhood, we, the Association of the Class of 1887, Boston Latin School, in our grief for this first loss to our number, desire to extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family.

We appreciated his originality, wit, firmness and courage; and we feel that all who knew him will regret that the brilliant career of which he gave such promise, should be so early brought to a close.

J. W. RICE.

G. H. LEONARD, Jr.

A. S. HAYES.

Arthur Albert William Boardman, of the Class of '91, B. L. S., died March 30th of diphtheria. A good student, a sincere christian, he was beloved by those who knew his high character and appreciated his noble aspirations.

At this season, when the most vigorous work of the year is being done in military drill, a glance at the record of previous years may not be uninteresting. This is the result as obtained from the school catalogues of the past six years, and is correct:

	First Prize.	Second Prize.	Special Prize.
June, 1883, . . .	Co. B	Co. A	Co. G
" 1884, . . .	" C	" A	" G
" 1885, . . .	" B	" A	" F
" 1886, . . .	" E	" A	" F
" 1887, . . .	" B	" A	" F
" 1888, . . .	" G	" F	" H
and			
" 1889, . . .	?	?	?

The Special Prize (open to F, G, and H) has shown a leaning toward Company F; the Second Prize has usually been appropriated by Company A; and the First Prize acknowledges no single company as master. Since June, 1880, Company D has received no prize. It was facetiously remarked last year, when the three prizes were taken by the three pony companies, that a special prize better be offered for the three largest companies. Fortune is very eccentric, whether in military drill or Louisiana lottery.

While we were writing this, the Snake Editor happened by, and seeing what our talent was engaged upon, he silently tore up eight slips of paper, and shook them up in his hat. Turning his head he drew out three slips and laid them on the desk. Readers will learn how nearly right his choice was, in about six weeks.

The slips bore the three letters.

D, E, F.

The twelfth annual ball of the Boston School Regiment occurred on March 29th, in Cotillion Hall. Though rather a small number were present, and though there were more gentleman than ladies, the party was socially a great success. Indeed the feeling of sociability that lasted through the entire evening was very noticeable. Among the

military guests present were General Moore, Major Wales and Captain Curtin of Technology, and Major Story, of Gloucester. Mrs. G. Boos and Mrs. E. P. Jackson, with Mrs. Cora Stuart Wheeler as their guest, kindly acted as matrons. Major Boos, E. H. S., was floor director, with Major Jackson, B. L. S., as assistant. The aids were Colonel Strong, B. L. S., Lieutenant Colonel Fretch, E. H. S., eleven captains, three adjutants, and two lieutenants. Baldwin's Cadet Orchestra furnished the music.

The orders were white folded cards tied with white ribbon. On the front was a raised gold monogram of B. S. R. on a diamond-shaped gilt-edged panel. There were fourteen dances and four extras. At about half past ten there was an intermission of half an hour for refreshments. The party broke up at twelve.

If we dared to attempt it, we should give a description of some of the many very pretty costumes worn by the ladies, but though we could write pages describing the uniforms (we fear the description would lack variety), we leave the dresses to the *Jabberwock* to honor.

On the afternoon and evening of April 6th, the *Jabberwock* gave a very pleasant, and we understand, financially successful, fair in Lyceum Hall, Dorchester. The editors of the *Record* and REGISTER were invited to attend (we presume the idea that they should come with full pocket-books and leave with empty ones was understood in the invitation), and during the evening there was one representative from each paper. The young ladies assumed characters from Mother Goose and other folk-lore stories, and their costumes added a very pretty effect to the informal dance which ended the evening. There was a large attendance, owing partly, we suppose, to the success of the *Jabberwock* dance, which occurred on December 22d.

SPORTING.

The adjourned meeting of those who met on March 21st to take measures for forming an athletic association, was held on March 27th. An association, called the Boston Latin School Athletic Association, was formed, and it adopted, with a few changes, the constitution drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose. There will be an indoor meeting, a field meeting, and a tennis tournament each year. The indoor meeting will comprise the following events: rope climbing; fence vault; heavy weight sparring; middle weight sparring; light weight sparring; feather weight sparring; putting the shot, 16 lbs; running high jump; pole vault; standing high jump; tug of war. The field meeting will comprise the following events: running 100 yards; running 220 yards; running one quarter of a mile; running one half mile; hurdle racing 120 yards, 10 hurdles, 3 feet 6 inches high; walking one mile; running high jump; running broad jump; pole leaping; putting the shot, 16 lbs; throwing the hammer, 12 lbs; bicycle racing, 1 mile; throwing the base ball. The annual business meeting and election of officers will be held in June. The management of the association is entrusted to an executive committee, consisting of the president of the association, one of the teachers, and one member each of the five upper classes. Any teacher, graduate, or member of the school may become a member of the association by signing the constitution and paying the annual assessment of fifty cents.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, F. U. Stearns, '89; Vice-President, D. W. Lane, '90; Secretary, H. E. Sears, '89; Treasurer, H. A. Hildreth, '89; Executive Committee, A. N. Broughton, '89, W. A. Quigley, '90, N. Anthony, '91. The representatives of the other two classes will be appointed in June. About thirty-five have already joined the Association, and it is hoped many more will soon do so.

The field meeting of the B. L. S. A. A. will be held on Saturday, May 11th, at the athletic grounds at Readville. The events will be open to all members of the school. Entries may be made to H. E. Sears, Room 12.

The tennis tournament of the B. L. S. A. will commence on Saturday, May 18th. Medals will probably be offered as prizes. The tournament will be on Franklin Park, if the use of the courts can be obtained. Entries may be made by any members of the school to H. E. Sears, Room 12.

BASE BALL.

B. L. S. vs. English High School, Friday, May 3d, at the Boston Base Ball Grounds, at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Hopkinson's, Friday, May 10th, at Brookline Common, at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Roxbury Latin, Tuesday, May 14th, at Franklin Park at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Noble and Hale's, Tuesday, May 21st, at Franklin Park, at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Cambridge High and Latin, Friday, May 24th, at Brookline Common, at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Chauncy Hall, Monday, May 27th, at Brookline Common, at 3 P. M.

B. L. S. vs. Brown and Nichols's, Friday, May 31st, at Franklin Park, at 3 P. M.

The base ball team is made up as follows: Quirk (captain), pitcher; Burke, catcher; Gallivan, first base; Stearns, F. S., second base; Dolan, third base; Paul, short stop; Strong, left field; Mackie, centre field; Plummer, right field; and Hickey, Shaw, Dorsey, and Davis, substitutes.

MOTHER LOVE.

One day last summer I was making my way through some thick underbush, when I came to a little smooth, sunny clearing, in the center of which a large adder was lying, with ten or twelve young ones wriggling about in the sunshine. I stopped for a few moments and watched them, and then commenced to rustle the underbrush to see what they would do. On the very first sound the mother straightened herself out as straight as a rod, and every one of the young ones slid down her throat in a twinkling, and then the old one erected her head and stood on the defensive, waiting for developments.

Needless to say, I did not disturb her; and though I watched for some time for the reappearance of the young ones I saw nothing more of them.

H. A. H.

MILITARY.

The Annual Prize Drill of the Malden High School occurred Thursday evening, March 28th, and was attended by a large and select audience. The exhibition was very creditable, and showed the advantage gained by small battalions over larger ones, in opportunities for careful individual work.

For company drill, the prize was awarded to Co. A, Captain Wiggin. For individual drill, Senior prizes, 1st, to Corporal Stevens; 2d, to Private Shedd. It will be remembered that this last "militiary" genius captured first prize for Junior Drillers at Battery A, March 15th. Fortune is kind to him. In the bayonet exercise (opened for competition this year), the prize went to Corporal Hawley. From the contestants for the Junior prize (first year drillers), Private W. G. Hill was finally selected by the judges. The exercises concluded with terpsichorean festivities.

Officers of the School Regiment were invited to witness an Exhibition Drill, given in Winslow's Rink, Friday, April 12th, by the Chauncy Hall Battalion under Major Staples. The exercises consisted of battalion drill and dress parade, and additional appointments for the Roster, read by Adjutant Locke. The Battalion consists of three companies, besides a "pony" company of very diminutive youngsters, little shrimps, in fact. The efforts of these *petits soldats* were determined if laborious. The drill, on the whole, was a good one, although free from a superfluity of snap and vigor, as seems customary with this battalion. One of the best features of the afternoon's performance was the artistic twirling of the Drum Major's baton by Mott Smith, whose graceful manipulation of the staff evoked much merited applause. During the afternoon, two valiant officers from the —. —. S. had a fine chance to display their plumage,—enjoying the distinction of being the only members of the School Regiment present in uniform. Perhaps, if they understand Latin, "*Haec olim meminisse (eis) juvabit.*"

NOTES.

The parade comes May 17.

We come third.

The prize drill comes May 29.

We come last.

Bring your voices to the game May 3d.

How did you do on the prize examinations?

Don't forget your gloves May 17.

Tickets for the B. L. S. vs. E. H. S. game can be procured from any of the players. This will probably be one of the most interesting games of the series, and every member of the school should attend it.

Dorchester, formerly of '90, is pitching "great ball" for the Belmonts.

H. C. Spooner, '92, is now in Leadville, Col., recovering his health. He will probably rejoin his class next fall.

On Friday, April 12, the senior class of the Dorchester High School gave a very pleasant social party in the drill hall.

The Iota Theta Sigma Society of the first class is to give a grand minstrel show at the Dudley Street Opera House on Monday evening, May 20. The members of the club have been unsparing in their efforts to make this a notable occasion, and the affair promises to be a brilliant success. The sale of seats has been very large, and all those who desire to secure tickets should apply early to any member of the club.

Of the members of the first class, twenty-eight intend to enter Harvard; two to enter Yale; one to enter Dartmouth; one to enter Tufts; one to enter Technology; and seven are undecided.

FAMILIAR SIGNS: "X", "O", "Whew!", "Mx," © an indefinite sort of mark, "m m."

SIGNS NOT SO FAMILIAR: "5," "O. S," "Ex—t," "5—5," "r r."

The training which a member of the first class underwent for a position on the ball nine, had a very serious termination in a horse-car journeying homeward. Of course it's all right, J.

Now is the time when the voices of the officers rend the air laden with the perfume of budding trees, creep into the windows of neighboring houses, and cause the inmates to look out and behold the companies of the Latin School Battalion marching into the drill-hall.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good." Yes, and this remark applies even to base ball, as the E. H. S. will readily inform any inquirer.

Don't try to put this into verse: "O members of the Invalid Corps, Your faces are not cheery as of yore, For the time has now come, When you'd shoulder a gun, And march on forevermore."

Willis W. Stover, formerly of '89, has been elected 2d Lieutenant in the M. V. M.

F. A. Hortter, '89, was compelled to leave school on account of illness. On recovering he went into business. He was cordially welcomed by the members of the first class when he returned to arrange his book account.

Rejoice, the class declamations are over.

The members of the first class have to assemble at Sever Hall, Harvard, at 8 o'clock, on Thursday, June 27th, and then wait till 3 o'clock for the first examination.

Speaking of examinations.—At the prize examination in Greek Composition, the passage, which was written on the board, contained several letters which Tryon of '88 could not read. The instructor told him that they were *l's*, and asked him to make them plainer. In doing so he made the new *l's* look very much like crosses. As Tryon was walking to his seat, the instructor said, "this looks propitious for you Tryon. '*In hoc signo vinces.*'" When the names of the prize takers were read on June 8th, Tryon's name was announced for the Greek Composition.

Of the members of the first class, nine are to be business men; eight will add LL. D. to their names; five will add M. D.; two will be journalists; one will teach; one will be Reverend D.—. —.; one will pull teeth; one is to be a Physicist; one a Missionary; one an Electrician; one a Surgeon; one an Engineer; and one a Prohibitionist.

HARVARD NOTES.

Mr. Bergen, instructor in the Latin School is an assistant in Physics in Harvard College.

In the whole class which took the entrance examination in English last June, out of the three hundred and more who passed, only five received honors. Two of the five were from the Latin School.

C. H. Taylor has left college to go into business.

In Sheridan's "Duenna" given by the Hasty Pudding Club, T. S. Woods played "Squire Portly" and C. Copeland, "Nancy Bundle."

The freshman eleven, which defeated Yale '92, has been awarded a fine set of trophies in the shape of cups. R. M. Baker played in the game, and so has received one of the cups.

The new *Economic Club* has changed its name to the *University Club*. The object of the club is to make it possible for men living within a short distance of Cambridge to reside at home and still enjoy privileges at college that they would have if they had rooms there. Reading rooms and lockers will be provided, and meals be furnished at cost. It is proposed, if possible, to use some of the Price Greenleaf fund in aid of the club. The following Latin School men are interested:—S. P. R. Chadwick, Young, Mosher.

The new Interscholastic league is viewed with great favor by all Latin School graduates. It not only gives a greater impetus to sports in the preparatory schools, but it makes many acquaintances for men that they might not otherwise enjoy. Latin School men as a rule are not acquainted with men from other schools and so are rather hampered at college, and nearly the whole freshman year is consumed in getting acquainted. Let every man do his best not only to win the championship for the old school, but let him strive to make as many acquaintances as possible among those who will be his classmates at Harvard. Perhaps then some Latin School man can be elected to an office in the freshman year.

It has often been agitated in the REGISTER that the Latin School should have regular instruction in gymnastics. No action has

ever been taken, but certainly now seems to be a good time to make a movement. The expense would not be large; the city could procure the services of some competent trainer from one of the large gymnasiums of the city for stated hours of the day, and the same man could train the men of the English High School. An hour or hour and a half a day would be all the time that would be needed and the results would surely repay the very slight trouble and expense. Some action is necessary if the championship in the Interscholastic league is to be brought home to Boston, but by far a greater call for action is the number of puny, white-faced boys who never take any out-door exercise, whom any visitor can see who enters the Latin School. Surely with such a gymnasium as is at the disposal of the school it is a pity that the opportunities are neglected; for a gymnasium is of no practical use without some one to direct the men. The school committee must only need to have its attention drawn to the matter to take some action.

W. F. HARRIS.

ANIMAL STORY.

THE CAT IN THE DRUGGIST'S WINDOW.

The other day I was passing a corner drug store, in the window of which a large cat was comfortably seated among the bottles and sponges. She was an unusually handsome animal, and was purring contentedly as she looked from the bottles labeled "Hair Tonic" to those marked "Dr. Jones' Old Reliable Nerve Food." Suddenly an enormous dog appeared in view. As she saw him in the distance she began to get nervous, but preserved her dignity until his stupidity and audacity brought him under her very nose. Then she rose in her wrath, and how the "Nerve Food" did fly! It seemed to me she had nearly doubled in size; "every individual hair did stand on end," and her paws darted against the offender like summer lightning.

As I rounded the corner the druggist appeared from behind the counter, and his horrified expression I shall never forget.

THE RIOTS !!

OUR MONUMENTS THREATENED—ATTACKS
ON THE STATUES OF WASHINGTON, EVER-
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MONED.

Since the draft riots of '63-4 there have been no such scenes of violence in our peaceful city of Boston as may be witnessed even now while we are writing this hurried report. Through the Public Garden and the Common are thronging crowds of angry beligerents, bent on perpetrating acts of vandalism worthy only of Genseric and his hordes.

CAUSE OF THE RIOTS.

For years past certain æsthetic dudes have been establishing a reputation for Athenian taste and "culchaa" by criticising and ridiculing the statues, fountains, and other works of art which adorn, or to use their own favorite terms, "disfigure and disgwace" our public parks. By frequent epigrams, witticisms, and anathemas, in public and private, in parlor and in hall, in monthly magazines and in daily papers, they have so wrought upon the sensibilities of a numerous following of would-be æsthetic dudes, that at last the long restrained discontent has burst all barriers and has culminated in the riots now in progress.

THE PURPOSE OF THE RIOTERS

seems to be to lay violent hands on the helpless men and women in stone and bronze, and upon the other (so-called) adornments which have so grievously offended their supersensitive tastes. Shouts of "Down with how-wid vulgaw things!" "Bweak their ugly heads!" "The Athens of Amewica is not to be disgwaced, don't cher know!" &c., rend the air, and unless speedy and efficient rescue comes, it looks as if the public ornaments, so dear to the vulgar common citizen's heart, were doomed.

THE FIRST OVERT ATTACK

was made upon the Equestrian Statue of Washington in the Public Garden at about nine o'clock this morning. The furious and excited crowd obtained a rope, and attaching it to the

horse's legs attempted to pull him from the pedestal which he so proudly treads. A park policeman, who happened to be strolling by, simply stood still and laughed at their futile efforts.

"Why don't you give the alarm?" was indignantly asked by your correspondent.

"Oh," replied the policeman, "don't you fret, sonny. Them fellows can't do no hurt. They're only dudes on the rampage."

Then I asked one of the crowd, "What objection can you gentlemen possibly have to that statue?"

"Want of ha'mony and pwopo'tion," he answered. "The hawse is too fine foh the man, don't cher know?"

THE STATUE OF EVERETT.

Failing to produce the slightest effect upon the counterfeit presentment of the Father of his Country, a movement was made by the excited mob towards the statue of Edward Everett. The chief complaint against this work of art is that the great orator seems to be saying, as he swings his long arm towards the right, "*This* is the way to Brighton!"

The prospect was that this attack would be more successful than the first one, as preparations were made to throw volleys of stones. Any grave apprehensions, however, that one might have felt were immediately relieved when the onslaught actually began. Most of the missiles fell short of the mark, while those that were projected with sufficient energy flew wide of it. After a sufficient number of arms and shoulders had been lamed to seriously affect the billiard and pool interest for the next fortnight, the startling cry was suddenly raised,

"CWISPUS ATTUCKS!!"

If the excitement had been great before, imagine what it was now. It was as if a flood of kerosene or turpentine had been poured upon flame.

"Yaas!" shouted a hundred voices, "Cwispus Attucks!" "Down with the colored plebeian!"

"It wasn't patwiotism that actuated him, don't cher know," said Cholly Hoxford, one of the most active ringleaders of the mob, "it was only a vulgah desire to get up a stweet wow! On to the Cwispus Attucks monument, my bwave comwades!"

It was now a little after 12 o'clock. The

LATIN SCHOOL BATTALION

had just taken arms and reformed in companies in the drill hall, when a messenger entered in hot haste, and rushing up to the proper authority, handed him a document. It proved to be a joint order from City Hall and Mason Street for the battalion to repair with all possible speed to the Common.

[NOTE BY THE EDITOR:—Recently it occurred to us to try the experiment of inviting some one to prepare a chapter of a story for one issue of our paper, leaving the plot where it could be easily taken up, and then to invite others to continue the story as they pleased in the next issue. Accordingly the above report has been written by an occasional anonymous contributor to our columns. We now extend the invitation to any who may desire, to report in the next number of the REGISTER the events that followed the summoning of the Latin School Battalion to the scene of the Riot. Mss. must be handed in before the 13th of May.]

A TRAMP.

During the early part of March five members of the first class started upon a tramp from Concord, after reaching that town by the Fitchburg Railroad. These fellows, together with a few others, are called by some "The Tramps," but really they do not have so much of the appearance of tramps as some others who give grand minstrel shows at first class theatres. The day was cold and windy, such a day as makes one wish he were indoors reading, unless he has plenty of company to make the time and the distance seem short.

The party went from the station to the bridge, where formerly was the North Bridge, at which the first engagement of the Revolution took place. On the side of the river near Concord is a plain monument, which marks the spot where the first of the enemy fell, and near this is the grave of the British who died during the engagement. Across the river stands a bronze statue of a minute man resting one hand upon a plough, upon which is his coat, and holding in his other

hand a musket. This statue stands upon a large granite pedestal upon which the following verses are engraved:

"By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world."

At a short distance from the river is a house in which may still be seen a bullet-hole made upon that memorable day.

The party then returned to the centre of the town, where stands a monument in honor of those who fell in the Rebellion. The visit to the prison was given up to save the feelings of one present, who was much opposed to spending time in such places. They then started upon the road which they were told would lead to Belmont through Lexington, but after they had gone about five miles they learned that they were on the way to Waltham. The mistake was due to a farmer who got his left hand mixed with his right, and in such a state attempted to direct them. Lunch was eaten in a wood a short distance from the road, and then the walk was continued. The boys passed an old-fashioned, low-built house in front of which is a granite slab, which states that the house is the birthplace of Theodore Parker.

After a walk of about eleven miles altogether they reached Waltham at two o'clock, and took a train for Boston.

A LETTER.

To the Editor of the LATIN SCHOOL REGISTER:

SIR: In looking over some letters of a relative, I found the following, which I thought might be interesting to you. I think from the way B—— is described, that it is in southern California.

T., P., '89.

B——.

MONDAY, April 7, 18—.

DEAR COUSIN FRED:—

We arrived here two weeks ago after a very disagreeable passage in a little bit of a steamer. The ocean bounced us up and down for two days without any regard for our feelings, and finally landed us on the end of the wharf, in the middle of the night.

B—— is a very quiet little place without any means of communication with the rest of the world, except the steamers and stages. It was first settled by the Spaniards, but now

there are only a few families of that nationality left. It is situated on the coast and has a long crescent-shaped beach. On one side is a chain of mountains and on the other a range of hills. It is laid out in squares, or blocks, as they are called. There is a horse railroad connecting the only hotel, the A—— House, with the beach. It has only one car and only one man to run it, but the place does well to support even this. Although B—— has only five thousand inhabitants, it is a city and has a city hall and a mayor. and all the usual officers of a city.

It has not rained since we came, and they say it will not rain again until next November, but I do not see how the trees and other plants can live so long without rain. During the dry season the grass dries up, unless it is watered often. All kinds of flowers grow much more luxuriantly here than at home. There are many beds of calla lilies with hundreds of blossoms; and geraniums will flourish even when pulled up by the roots and left hanging on a fence.

The trees are nearly all different from those at home. The Eucalyptus, or Blue Gum as it is sometimes called, grows the tallest; some specimens are nearly seventy feet high, though none of them have been planted more than ten years. There is a graceful tree that is called the Pepper tree. It has long, drooping branches, covered at some seasons with sticky bark and bunches of small red berries.

The beach is one of the most frequented resorts. At low tide you can ride for several miles without leaving it.

Horseback parties are formed from time to time to follow the numerous trails among the mountains. Uncle and I joined one of these parties. We wound our way in and out, up and down, in single file, for over an hour before we reached Seven Falls, our destination. We were rather disappointed when we saw the falls, as we expected something grander. There were seven little falls, one above another, and as many basins. On our way home a rather exciting incident befell Uncle. The horses about here are quite cunning. They puff themselves out while they are being saddled, and when they start off the girths are rather loose. Uncle's horse played this trick on him, but he did not notice it. In

some places the trail is almost overgrown with bushes and small trees. In one of these places, as Uncle was leaning to one side to avoid a limb, his saddle slipped around under the horse and left him lying in the dirt, a good deal frightened, but not much hurt. Luckily, the horse did not try to run away, but was easily caught and saddled again, this time more tightly than before.

Although I was stiff the next day, still I was glad to pay a visit to an old Jesuit mission that lay back of the town. This mission was built more than a hundred years ago by the Indians under the direction of the Jesuit Fathers. It is made of *adobe*, or sun-dried brick, whitewashed. A large hall at one end of the building is the only place to which people are admitted. As we went in, some priests were singing in Latin, and several people were praying. At one end of the hall was a raised platform, on which was the altar. The rest of the hall was filled with benches. We got a peep into the interior of the building through a doorway behind the altar. We saw nothing but empty rooms and whitewashed walls. On the outside of the building there are two towers, and in one of them there is a large cracked bell,—the largest in this neighborhood, I believe they say.

Last Friday we went to a novel picnic. There used to be a carriage road around one of the points of the beach, but the sea destroyed it, thus cutting off one of the best drives on the beach. It seemed too bad not to make use of this drive, so arrangements were made for repairing it, and everybody was invited to come to a picnic at Castle Rock, as the point was called, and bring their picks and "pick-a-nick." Uncle and I went, and I tell you we had a good time. While the women were getting ready the dinner, the men went to work with their pick-axes and crow-bars, and the boys cleared away the small stones and shoveled away the sand. Some of the rocks that had to be moved were quite large, and I remember seeing Uncle standing in his shirt sleeves with his hat off, wiping his forehead, after helping to move one of them. It seemed as if everybody enjoyed himself more for doing some useful work.

We like here very much and expect to stay a month longer. Your cousin,

A. B. C.

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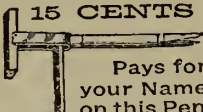
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